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MONTANA HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES 65th LEGISLATURE - REGULAR SESSION

COMMITTEE ON STATE ADMINISTRATION

Call to Order: Chair Forrest Mandeville, on February 7, 2017 at 8:00 AM, in Room 455 Capitol

ROLL CALL

Members Present:

Rep. Forrest Mandeville, Chair (R)
Rep. Bryce Bennett, Vice Chair (D)
Rep. Wendy McKamey, Vice Chair (R)
Rep. Jacob Bachmeier (D)
Rep. Geraldine Custer (R)
Rep. John Fleming (D)
Rep. Frank Garner (R)
Rep. Edward Greef (R)
Rep. Denise Hayman (D)
Rep. Dennis R. Lenz (R)
Rep. Jean Price (D)
Rep. Walt Sales (R)
Rep. Ray L. Shaw (R)
Rep. Derek Skees (R)
Rep. Scott Staffanson (R)
Rep. Kathy Swanson (D)
Rep. Peggy Webb (R)
Rep. Susan Webber (D)

Members Excused:

Rep. Karjala (D)
Rep. A. Knudsen (R)

Members Absent: None

Staff Present: Joanne Kauzlarich, Committee Secretary
Sheri Scurr, Legislative Branch

Audio Committees: These minutes are in outline form only. They provide a list of participants and a record of official action taken by the committee. The link to the audio recording of the meeting is available on the Legislative Branch website.

Committee Business Summary:

Hearing & Date Posted: HB 86, 1/31/2017; HB 341, 1/31/2017

HEARING ON HB 341**Opening Statement by Sponsor:**

00:02:11 Rep. Mary Ann Dunwell (D), HD 84, opened the hearing on HB 341,
Generally revise state employee travel and per diem laws.

[EXHIBIT](#)(sth27a01)

Proponents' Testimony:

00:09:59 Harold Blattie, Montana Association of Counties (MACo)
00:19:37 Quint Nyman, Montana Public Employees Association (MPEA)
00:20:29 Russ Christoferson, Self
00:21:47 Samantha Chase, Interagency Committee on Change By Women (ICCW)
00:23:59 Linda Beischel, Self

Opponents' Testimony:

00:26:45 Aimee Grmoljez, Montanal Lodging and Hospitality Association (MTLHA)

Informational Testimony: None

Questions from Committee Members and Responses:

00:30:14 Rep. Skees
00:30:42 Harold Blattie, MACo
00:31:44 Rep. Skees
00:32:12 Harold Blattie, MACo
00:32:31 Rep. Skees
00:33:49 Rep. Dunwell
00:34:57 Rep. Skees
00:35:18 Rep. Dunwell
00:35:42 Rep. Garner
00:36:25 Harold Blattie, MACo
00:37:32 Rep. McKamey
00:38:17 Rep. Dunwell
00:38:55 Rep. McKamey
00:39:35 Chair Mandeville
00:39:39 Rep. Dunwell
00:39:54 Rep. Lenz
00:40:21 Harold Blattie, MACo
00:41:04 Rep. Lenz
00:41:13 Harold Blattie, MACo
00:41:31 Rep. Sales
00:42:00 Rep. Dunwell
00:42:24 Chair Mandeville
00:42:32 Harold Blattie, MACo
00:43:21 Rep. Sales
00:43:34 Harold Blattie, MACo
00:43:53 Rep. Webb
00:44:30 Rep. Dunwell
00:45:20 Rep. Webb
00:45:38 Rep. Dunwell
00:46:34 Rep. Custer

00:47:29 Rep. Dunwell
 00:47:47 Rep. Staffanson
 00:48:14 Rep. Dunwell
 00:49:03 Rep. Staffanson
 00:49:35 Rep. Dunwell
 00:50:45 Rep. Staffanson
 00:50:57 Rep. Dunwell
 00:51:04 Rep. Skees
 00:51:38 Rep. Dunwell
 00:53:06 Rep. Skees
 00:53:10 Chair Mandeville
 00:53:17 Harold Blattie, MACo
 00:54:36 Chair Mandeville
 00:55:07 Rep. Dunwell
 00:57:27 Chair Mandeville
 00:57:50 Rep. Dunwell
 00:58:20 Chair Mandeville
 00:58:26 Rep. Dunwell
 00:58:51 Rep. McKamey
 00:59:19 Aimee Grmoljez, MTLHA
 01:01:07 Rep. Custer
 01:02:20 Harold Blattie, MACo

Closing by Sponsor:

01:02:42 Rep. Dunwell

HEARING ON HB 86

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Opening Statement by Sponsor:

01:05:57 Rep. Kathy Swanson (D), HD 77, opened the hearing on HB 86,
 Authorize youth election judges.

[EXHIBIT\(sth27a02\)](#)

Proponents' Testimony:

01:08:31 Claudette Morton, Montana League of Women Voters (MTLWV)
 01:10:08 Rina Moore, Montana Association of Clerks and Records (MACR);
 Election Administrators
 01:12:37 Kaitlyn Westhoff, Montana Public Interest Research Group (MontPIRG)
 01:13:35 Kathy Bramer, American Association of Retired Persons (AARP)
 01:15:57 Harold Blattie, Montana Association of Counties (MACo)

Opponents' Testimony:

01:17:16 Becky Stockton, Self

[EXHIBIT\(sth27a03\)](#)

Informational Testimony: None

Questions from Committee Members and Responses:

01:22:40 Rep. Staffanson
 01:23:07 Becky Stockton, Self

01:23:15 Rep. Staffanson
01:23:40 Becky Stockton, Self
01:24:21 Rep. Staffanson
01:24:35 Rina Moore, MACR
01:25:34 Rep. Staffanson
01:25:44 Rina Moore, MACR
01:26:24 Rep. Bennett
01:26:48 Rina Moore, MACR
01:28:18 Rep. Bennett
01:28:38 Rina Moore, MACR
01:29:59 Rep. Bachmeier
01:30:24 Rep. Swanson
01:30:39 Rep. Skees
01:31:05 Rina Moore, MACR
01:31:18 Rep. Skees
01:31:39 Rina Moore, MACR
01:31:48 Rep. Skees
01:32:05 Rina Moore, MACR
01:33:29 Rep. Price
01:34:13 Rep. Swanson
01:35:12 Rep. Fleming
01:35:43 Rina Moore, MACR
01:36:45 Rep. Custer
01:37:12 Rina Moore, MACR
01:38:53 Rep. Hayman
01:39:26 Rina Moore, MACR
01:41:24 Rep. McKamey
01:41:45 Chair Mandeville
01:42:08 Rep. McKamey
01:42:33 Harold Blattie, MACo
01:42:49 Rep. Webb
01:43:03 Rep. Swanson
01:43:11 Rep. Custer
01:43:34 Sheri Scurr, Legislative Services Division (LSD)
01:43:45 Chair Mandeville
01:44:33 Rep. Swanson
01:45:11 Chair Mandeville
01:45:39 Rina Moore, MACR

Closing by Sponsor:

01:47:24 Rep. Swanson

ADJOURNMENT

Adjournment: 01:48:54

Joanne Kauzlarich, Secretary

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Additional Documents:

EXHIBIT([sth27aad.pdf](#))